

SENATE BILL 111  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
Chapter 221, Part 4, relative to subsurface  
sewage disposal systems.

WHEREAS, many counties have contracted with the Tennessee Department of  
Environment and Conservation to regulate subsurface sewage disposal systems; and

WHEREAS, such counties are responsible for the health, safety and welfare of their  
citizens; and

WHEREAS, proper evaluation of an existing subsurface sewage disposal system is  
imperative to its proper operation before permit may be issued expanding the use of such  
system; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 68-221-418 in its present form prohibits  
those contracting counties from performing proper inspections prior to issuing expansion or  
repair permits for subsurface sewage disposal systems thus endangering the health, safety and  
welfare of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 68-221-418 in its present form causes such  
contracting counties to breach their contractual obligation to the Tennessee Department of  
Environment and Conservation; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-221-418, is amended by adding  
the following language as new subsection (c):

(c) Any county which enters into agreement with the commissioner of the  
department of environment and conservation pursuant to §68-221-403 shall be exempt  
from the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.